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Welcome to the September edition of our church
Newsletter!

You will see from the large number of offerings that our
church is gearing up for the fall and increased interaction
among ourselves and in our community.

Please review the offerings mentioned and select one or
two projects to become involved in as part of your gift of
talents to the mission of our church.

If you have any submissions for the newsletter or
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commuucg@bellsouth.net.

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Liberal Religious Community

ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS CHURCH

Distinctions of power, privilege, and estate, which apply outside these doors, do not apply within them. Women, men, and children; persons of any color, culture, age, ability, economic status, or affectional orientation; skeptics and those pursuing common or unorthodox religious paths...



All Are Welcome Here!

Sunday Worship Services

September 1 **"I'd Rather Beg Than Steal: Poverty Stories and Actions"** Cindy Dillard, DRE

September 8 **Water, Water Everywhere" Annual In-gathering and Water Communion** Rev. Alderman

September 15 **"What is Your Spiritual Type"** Re v. Alderman

September 21 **"A People So Bold"** Rev. Alderman

September 28 **How Conservative
Christians Can Make Us Better
UU's** Rev. Holly Lux-Sullivan

Sunday Morning Schedule

9:30-10:30	Adult and Children's RE	All are welcome. There are offerings for all ages, (Nursery services provided)
10:30-10:55	Social Gathering	Informal Social Gathering prior to Worship. (Nursery Services Provided)
10:55-12:15	Adult and Youth Worship	Both adults and children start our service together. On most Sundays the children adjourn to their own Sunday Worship which also ends at 12:15. On Services labeled as "Worship for All Ages", the service will be shared by both children and adults.

Expressions Returns Sept. 11. - The Pot Luck Continues.

Expressions Services are on vacation until September 11, however, the 6:00 pm Potluck is continuing as a core of our members have chosen to keep the dinner alive. Look at the weekly announcements for details on any after dinner activities such as game playing and Adult RE programs.

Expressions Services return on September 11

Sept. 11:	Mark Freundt-	September
11 Memorial		
Sept.18:	Vance Archer-	Portable
Hootenanny		
Sept. 25:	S'OK Samba School	



Please bring your own table service for the pot luck dinner. It helps our church stay green

THANK YOU!

Reflections from Rev. Ann Marie



I hope you will plan to stay and celebrate after the September 8 Worship Service the good news that we are together as congregation and minister for what I think we all hope will be a fruitful first year. That's also the day to bring water from wherever you may have spent time this summer. (If you forget, there will be "symbolic" water for you to use!) Many UU congregations gather on an early September worship service to do a "water communion" as a way to signal that we annually reconstitute ourselves as one people with a unique identity. This is especially true

this year! We will also be dedicating teachers for our youth and children that day!

Continuing with the water theme, I will begin teaching a UU Adult Tapestry of Faith curriculum on Thursday evenings 7 - 8:30 pm. We will begin on September 11. The title of the class is "Faith Like a River". We will meet every Thursday until just before Thanksgiving, exploring the dynamic course of Unitarian, Universalist and UU history- the people, ideas, and movements that have shaped our faith heritage. You will be invited to place yourself into our history and consider its legacies, learning how the stories of our history can teach us how to live more faithfully in the present and live into the future. Please let me know if you need childcare.

Rev. Ann Marie

From Cindy Dillard, DRE



It has been about a year since I joined the staff of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Greensboro. A year ago, I had just moved to Winston-Salem from Columbus OH to join my husband, Tom Dowling, as he began his new job at Wake Forest University. I was encouraged to find not one, but two, UU churches in the area, and was thrilled that UUCG was looking for an "RE [Religious Education] Coordinator." Not only was it a great match for my skill-set, but it met me where my heart was-as an educator and as a Unitarian Universalist.

With minimal lead-time, I honored leadership's vision to offer RE programming for children concurrent with Adult Ed at 9:30, while also coordinating children's RE at the 11:00 am hour. At 9:30 am,

Fred Lehman, Marty Ward, Michelle Giorgi and I led a PreK-Fifth Grade class, "Wonderful Welcome." And at 11:00, after beginning in the main service, children and youth adjourned to the RE wing for "Spirit Play" and "Circle Worship," facilitated by Michelle Lee, Cindy Williams, Laura Graham, Rissa Tuttle, Ken Williams, Lauren Houck, Kevin Houck, Sharin Francis, Harold Gunn, Ian Perkins, Breeze Dunham and others.

This year's Religious Education programming for children and youth will be ushered in on Sunday, Sept 8 at 11:00 with our all-ages Water Communion and Teacher Dedication Service. RE classes for children and youth will begin the next Sunday, Sept 15-"Chalice Club" (ages

Pre-K thru 5th grade) 9:30-10:30, followed at 11:00 by "Wonderers" (PreK-1st Grade), "Gatherers" (2nd-5th Grades), and "Sojourners" (6th-12th Grades). This will be followed by an all-ages potluck, to be held in the RE classrooms.

For more information, pick up a brochure in the lobby. Or send me an e-mail @ uucgre@att.net.

Namaste,
Cindy Dillard, Director of Religious Education

From the Congregational vice President - Karen Madrone



The board had a great meeting this month and got many things accomplished. As always, the board reports are on the church webpage. I encourage you to sign up for an email subscription for when reports get posted. Every month the minister, board president, treasurer, and vice president submit reports about their respective areas of focus. The minutes of the meetings are posted there as well. Reading these reports and minutes is a great way to stay informed.

The board decided to vote on the proposed personnel manual next month. For specifics on the manual itself, please see Lonnie Houck and Katja Brown. Having this manual is a giant step forward for our church. This important document is about our staff policies, but it is also a document that says what our beliefs are about how we treat each other. I personally believe it is one of the most important documents at UUCG.

The board has been in an ongoing process of creating a behavioral covenant. Marie Houck has been facilitating this conversation. Marie and Rev. Ann Marie will be talking soon about how to move forward with this process. This is an important step in declaring how we work together and support our community. This item will most likely be on the agenda again in September.

At the board retreat, Denise Rimes, the District President for the Southeast District, helped the board and Rev. Ann Marie begin work on a board/minister covenant. At the board meeting this covenant was edited and finalized. We have agreed to alternate reading this covenant with the board covenant every month. The process for finessing the covenant was very smooth. We feel confident that this covenant will guide us over our time together to help us stay in right relations with each other. To see this covenant, please contact Sharin Francis, board secretary.

The board had a discussion of where the fundraising subcommittee should go in the organizational chart. We are trying to work through issues of where the best location is so that it receives the best support and so that it can be successful. We agreed to table this discussion until next month when we have had more time to think on this issue.

In closing, I'd like to remind everyone that ALL are welcome to attend the board meetings. They are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. Guest comments are welcome at the board meeting. Please stay informed and aware and always ask questions

of the board members if something is unclear to you.

Yours in faith,
Karen

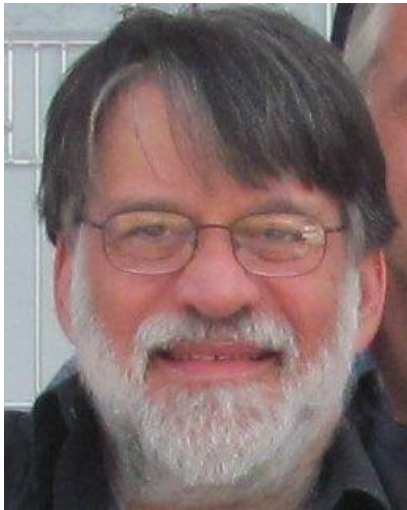
Liz Harrell Memorial Celebration 4:30 Sunday Sept 1

It is with great sadness that I share with you that Liz Harrell passed away early Thursday morning. I hope you will be able to share in the Celebration of Life to be held in her honor this Sunday at 4:30 pm at UUCG, with a reception for her family to follow.

Rev. Ann Marie Alderman



Adult Religious Education Fall Program



We have a wide range of Adult Religious Education opportunities this Fall at UUCG. There will be Sunday morning programming from 9:30-10:30, Thursday nights, and some Saturdays.

Compassionate Communication will lead first Sunday each month. Compassionate Communication is based on the work of Marshall Rosenberg. Nonviolent Communication (NVC) is based on the principles of nonviolence-- the natural state of compassion when no violence is present in the heart.

NVC begins by assuming that we are all compassionate by nature and that violent strategies - whether verbal or physical - are learned behaviors taught and supported by the prevailing culture. NVC also assumes that we all share the same, basic human needs, and that each of our actions are a strategy to meet one or more of these needs.

People who practice NVC have found greater authenticity in their communication, increased understanding, deepening connection and conflict resolution.
<http://www.cnvc.org/>

They will begin our fall session on September 15 and the first Sunday of every month after that.

Ken Knight will facilitate a study and exploration of The How of Happiness: A Practical Guide to Getting the Life You Want by Sonja Lyubomirsky for 5 Sundays September 22,29, October 13, 20, 27.

Learn how to achieve the happiness you deserve

"A guide to sustaining your newfound contentment." --Psychology Today
You see here a different kind of happiness book. The How of Happiness is a comprehensive guide to understanding the elements of happiness based on years of groundbreaking scientific research. It is also a practical, empowering, and easy-to-follow workbook, incorporating happiness strategies, exercises in new ways of thinking, and quizzes for understanding our individuality, all in an effort to help us realize our innate potential for joy and ways to sustain it in our lives. Drawing upon years of pioneering research with thousands of men and women, The How of Happiness is both a powerful contribution to the field of positive psychology and a gift to people who have sought to take their happiness into their own hands.

www.TheHowOfHappiness.com

Sharin Francis will lead discussion on Acts of Faith by Eboo Patel over three weeks November 17, December 8, 15. We will first show this year's Ware lecture featuring Dr. Patel on November 10.

Acts of Faith: The Story of an American Muslim, in the Struggle for the Soul of a Generation
Acts of Faith is a remarkable account of growing up Muslim in America and coming to believe in religious pluralism, from one of the most prominent faith leaders in the United States. Eboo Patel's story is a hopeful and moving testament to the power and passion of young people - and of the world-changing potential of an interfaith youth movement. Currently only \$2.79 for the Kindle edition.

<http://www.ifyc.org/about-us/eboo-patel>

Thursday nights, beginning Thursday evenings at 7 pm on September 12, our Developmental Minister, the Rev. Ann Marie Alderman, will lead the Faith Like a River class.

More details to follow in our weekly announcements.
Submitted by Steve Pearsall

Team, Committee Meetings and ways to help out

Some of the Teams and Committees that make our UUCG mission real have regular meetings. Others meet irregularly or virtually and accomplish their missions without regular meetings. The list below contains the meeting time and location of those teams and committees that meet regularly. Feel free to attend any of these meetings as they are all open. We invite your participation in our church's governance and mission.

Coordinating Council Meetings

The Coordinating Council meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. This monthly meeting is where the complex church meeting and mission schedule is worked out by our various Team and Committee Chairs. The Council is co-chaired by Karen Madrone, VP and Rev. Ann Marie Alderman. This is an open meeting.

Board of Trustees Meetings

The Board of Trustees meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. This monthly meeting is where Governance Decisions are made for our Church. This is an open meeting.

Communications Team

The Communications team publishes the monthly newsletter, and maintains the web site. We also administer our Facebook and Twitter Sites. We don't have regular meetings but there are several jobs that you could help with. If you would like to explore joining the Communications Team, please contact Vance Archer, vance_d_archeriii@yahoo.com

Fellowship Team Meetings

The Fellowship Team meeting is on the first Wednesday of the month. We meet during the potluck -- look for the table with the small flag. Everyone is invited to join this team that is always on the lookout to create opportunities for people to connect and have fun.

Healthy Congregation Committee Meetings

The Healthy Congregation Committee meets in the UUCG Library on the third Sunday of each month from 9 to 10:30 a.m. This month's meeting is on Sept. 15th. For more information, contact Sue Beck: sbeck1@triad.rr.com

Membership Team

The Membership Team makes visitors welcome in our church and works to expand our membership. Our team runs the visitor's table on Sunday Mornings, contacts all the visitors who come to our church and organizes meetings and classes for new members. Please take a look at our bulletin board in the foyer and get to know our new members. Membership is a big focus for Rev. Ann Marie. If you are interested in working with us, please contact Judy Gecinger

Music Team Meetings

The Music Team meets after Church on the Sunday before the Coordinating Council. This is typically the 2nd or 3rd Sunday of the Month. Meetings are typically held in the Library.

Policy & Procedures Committee

If you are interested in participating in the research, drafting, and editing process of our policy manual, please request to join the Policies & Procedures Yahoo group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UUCGPolicies/>, or send an email to nc.dogwood@yahoo.com

Social Action Team Meetings

The Social Action Team is experimenting with meeting on the third Thursday of the Month at 5:30 pm. Thus our September meeting will be held on September, 19, 2013 @ 5:30pm. Opportunities for volunteering with SAC include hands-on, nitty-gritty tasks and work toward policy change to benefit Greensboro's residents.

Worship Team Meetings

Our Worship Team meets once monthly, on the first Wednesday of the month after the Potluck and Expressions. Contact Barbara Hands if you are interested in helping this team.

Regular Events

Feeding the Hungry at Urban Ministries, First Monday of each month

On the first Monday of each month a group of volunteers from our church shop for and cook a meal for the homeless at Urban Ministries.

We are in the process of building a new team to carry out this important project. If you would like to be part of the action, contact Ken Knight at oldpeacenik@gmail.com or at 288-0103.

Men's Night Out, Monday, Second Monday each month

Join us at our next Men's Night Out beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Mi Pueblo, 3911 Tinsley Drive in High Point for dinner and fellowship.

Ladies' Night Out, Last Monday each month

We ladies meet the last Monday of the month at the Saigon Restaurant on the corner of Merritt Drive and High Point Road. We meet at 6:30 and enjoy Vietnamese food, enjoy lively conversation and get to know each other better. There is a lot of laughter during our time together in a room all to ourselves. We welcome newcomers. Please contact Mary Davis or Janet Plummer if you plan to attend.

Men's Night Out 2, Last Monday each month

A second Men's Night Out is held the last Monday of each month. We will meet at Applebee's on Battleground Ave.

Sunday Evening Meditation Group

The Sunday evening meditation group has changed to an open format. All are welcome to attend any session or all sessions! We meet from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. Please note that we will lock the door at 7:10 p.m. to minimize our distractions. Contact Joan Skokan or Jim Roeder with any questions.

Church Workday September 7

The next church Work Day will be held on Saturday, September 7, starting at 9:00 a.m. Please come out and help with a bit of maintenance and sprucing-up of our building and grounds.

It is a fun event, and no special skills are required! A light lunch will be provided.

Jim Roeder, Chair
Building and Grounds Team



Gender Identity and Gender Expression Workshop, September 14

A two part workshop on gender identity and gender expression will be presented at the UUCG on Saturday, September 14 at 6:30 pm. The workshop will be presented by Allison Woolbert and Deborah Duncan, Unitarian Universalists from New Jersey who lecture and give workshops on gender identity and gender expression. We are thrilled they will be able to give this informative and powerful two part workshop. A love offering will be collected.

Part 1: Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus, So Where do I Come From?" A true story told by Allison Woolbert of her life experiences of being born into the world of fundamentalism and gender intolerance.



Part 2: Gender & Gender Variance Primer

Purpose: To provide an orientation to Gender Expression and Gender Identity; distinguishing gender identity and sexual orientation. Building awareness of the importance of gender in personal identity in our society; the forces that we all experience around gender; how the experience may differ for the gender non-conforming.

There is tremendous confusion in Western society around sexuality and gender. To understand the role of gender in our society it is critical to be able to distinguish the basic differences between sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression. This workshop is designed to bring more clarity to these seemingly obvious concepts, which are, for most of us, tangled together.

This is their bio page: <http://www.phoenix-lgbt.com/index.php/about-us>

Please make plans to attend this workshop and spread the word to others. For additional information or to assist with this event, please contact Karen Madrone at kmadrone@juno.com.

CONFLICT IMPROVs - Join the Jury! September 15

Every time we encounter other people we make choices about how to respond to them. The Healthy Congregation Committee teaches Nonviolent Communication (Compassionate Communication). We use the Jackal and the Giraffe puppets to illustrate choices we make in our interactions with one another. YOU can decide the verdict!



CONFLICT IMPROVs begin Sunday, Sept. 15th at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Watch us act out a Back-to-School scenario, responding as Jackals or Giraffes, based on Compassionate Communication principles. These scenes (some hilarious, some dramatic) should provide plenty of fodder for discussion afterwards, as we decide which solutions work best! Childcare will be provided. To participate as an actor, please contact Sue Beck.

Mark your calendars: A new Improv will be presented the first Sunday of each month thereafter at 9:30 a.m. Childcare will be provided.

Usher's invited to meet September 15

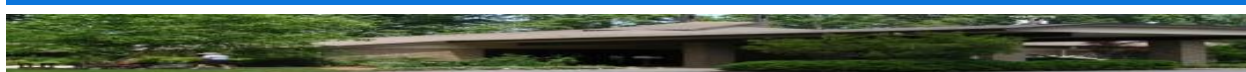


UUCG ushers are invited to a discussion meeting in the sanctuary on Sunday, September 15, immediately following the worship service. Anyone who is currently serving as an usher or would like to become an usher is welcome to attend.

At that meeting the Ushers will review changes to the Sunday morning usher responsibilities. Rev. Alderman will share her vision of how the ushers can enhance our worship services.

Please contact Dennis Hands if you have a question.

Service Leaders requested to meet September 22



UUCG Service Leaders are asked to join a discussion meeting in the sanctuary on Sunday, September 22, immediately following the worship service. Anyone who is currently serving as an Service Leader or would like to become an Service Leader is welcome to attend.

At that meeting we will review recent changes in the Order of Service and the Service Leader's script that accompanies it. Rev. Alderman will share her thoughts on the importance of this role and her vision of how the Service Leaders can enhance our worship services.

Please plan to attend and contact Nora Bird or Barbara Hands if you have questions.

Join the Cluster in Support for Gay Pride, September 28

Many of you may already know that UUCG is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Community of Central NC (UUCCNC). UUCCNC is a cluster of a baker's dozen UU churches in the center of the state. Each September, many of the cluster members support the annual statewide Pridefest held in Durham. This year NC pride is on September 28 and the cluster is requesting our help. If you can contribute time, energy, or money to our effort, please see Steve Pearsall.

<http://www.ncpride.org/pride/pride.shtml>



Lay Mediation Training



Lay Mediation is currently offering these educational opportunities:

1. Role plays where volunteers can try out being observers, participants, or mediators (provided they have completed some reading and attended some classes). These role plays happen on the **last Thursday of every month from 6pm to 7:30pm**, followed by a reflection of the process and discussion of the issues raised.

2. Discussion of assigned reading during weekly mediation classes that meet from **6-8 p.m. on the first, second and third Thursday**

of every month

Relevant, potential or current themes are addressed in the monthly role plays. These may include: cyber issues, leadership, use of power, shared space/ resources, communication, diversity and identity.

Everyone is welcome to join us in the study of mediation, participate in role plays or to observe and contribute to the reflection and discussion. For more information please contact Donya Lucas at donyalucas@hotmail.com or by phone at 336-686-0851.

Watch the newsletter for more information about Lay Mediation.

HELP FEED THE HUNGRY, OCTOBER 5

There will be another opportunity to help Greensboro Urban Ministry feed the hungry on October 5, 2013 at the Food Lion store at 4653 West Market Street.

The food drive will need 8 volunteers, 2 volunteers to work each 2 hour shift, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to collect nonperishable goods from the patrons of the store.

Please contact Becky Floyd at 336-852-3592 or rfloyd2@triad.rr.com to volunteer. Your help is greatly appreciated.



Prepare for the Crop Walk, Oct. 20

UUCG Team for Greater Greensboro CROP Hunger Walk and Run
October 20, 2013
1:00 assemble and register
Grasshopper Stadium in downtown Greensboro

UUCG will walk this year! Watch for announcements of this year's team leaders in the Order of Service and October's newsletter. If you want to help with the organization of our team, contact the Social Action Team by email or phone - sbourquin@triad.rr.com or 632-1616.



This is a community effort, supported by virtually all of the religious community, to raise funds to feed local people through Potter's House and to feed people worldwide through Church World Service. Of the money raised, 25% remains in our community. This year's event is expected to raise over \$5 million. This means \$1.25 million to feed the hungry right here at home. What a way to spend a Sunday afternoon!

Upcoming Events - Church Yard Sale October 26

Hi Everyone!!!

Yep it is that time of year again where you get to get rid of unwanted and unused items and give to a good cause... OUR CHURCH!!!! I hope everyone can make a effort in our 2nd annual Yard Sale/Bake Sale. We need volunteers to help organize and price everything, as well as we will need people to be there bright and early to help put out everything and stay for the day to help out where needed.



This Year the Yard Sale will be on Saturday October the 26th. If you want to get involved or have something to donate to our church please contact Christina Barrow (meaningful@gmail.com) or Charlotte Hamlin (chamilin1939@gmail.com) or Suzanne Deering (zanned@earthlink.net)

Lawnmowing Help Needed

Our Church still needs help to keep our lawn in shape, If you can help in mowing the Church Lawn, please pick a date and sign up in the Church Hallway

The church has a Self Propelled Mower so you don't have to bring your own.



We need a Hospitality Team

Not that long ago when I was fairly new to a UU congregation and didn't yet know I might be a UU minister one day....I volunteered to be a coffee host. It was a great way to have something to do and meet new people at the same time. If you are looking for a way to be of service,

UUCG is in need of a few task oriented volunteers to take on a recreated Hospitality Team. If you have two or three friends who would like be on this Team I'd be happy to help you find a creative way to make sure there is a system in place for our weekly "coffee communion"!



See Rev. Ann Marie for more details or to volunteer!

Taking It T-UU The Streets

Many folks who have been involved in UUCG's Religious Education for Children and Youth (either as teachers or as family/friends) are familiar with "frog money." The "frog" in question is a ceramic frog that has been the receptacle of offertory. It has been a playful way to incorporate on a regular basis the ideas of charity and social justice into the religious life of our youngest. Children bring in offering that they feed to the frog, which is then donated to a charity they vote on. Our most recent recipient was Oceana, an international ocean conservation and advocacy organization.

Having come from a different model, asking children to participate in offertory wasn't familiar to me. And over the past year, when I was in the classroom and children were asked about what "frog money" was, in their minds it wasn't necessarily connected with charity/social justice. A few remembered the charity chosen (if they happened to have been in class on the day the presentations and voting took place). And some children are conscious that there is a difference between money their folks give them, and money that is actually theirs that they choose to give (such as money from the tooth fairy or birthday money). But mainly it seemed that the children loved feeding the frog. It's silly and fun. And there's nothing wrong with that...it just might not be the most tangible way to teach charity and social action to children.



In partnership with the Social Action Team, in the coming weeks, I will be introducing an ongoing project that incorporates the giving of "frog money" with many other ways to give. "Taking It T-UU The Streets" will be an ongoing project to more tangibly extend our caring to those in need on the streets through carebags. Those who can donate predetermined items may leave them the "Taking It T-UU The Streets" basket outside the sanctuary. Those who prefer to make a monetary donation may "feed the frog." Those who prefer to express themselves artistically can decorate the informational cards (which will list shelter/dental/legal etc. care info). Those who wish to put their hearts into action may either assemble or even distribute "carebags." This will be another way that we can make social action a regular part of how we are UUs. Many of us see people on a regular basis, standing on a street corner with

signs: Hungry-anything will help. I'd rather beg than steal. Family in need. How do we respond when we see this? What are we teaching our kids if we do nothing but look away? "Taking It T-UU The Streets" will provide us with one more way we can live our UU principles. For more information, please contact Cindy Dillard, DRE at uucgre@att.net.

Social Action Designations for Share the Plate 2014

The Social Action Team welcomes your input in determining the local organizations or causes that will receive funds from our Share the Plate practice. UUCG shares with the larger community by contributing half of the undesignated cash in plate on the 1st-4th Sundays of each month. (On the 5th Sunday that cash will go to the Minister's Discretionary Fund). Some groups that have been recipients are Urban Ministry, Faith Action International House, and Hospice Greensboro/High Point.

If you wish to nominate an organization to share, please plan to attend a Social Action Team meeting in September or October to present your nomination. SAT regularly meets the second Sunday of the month after the service. Additionally, SAT will meet on Thursday September 19 from 5:30-6:30 with Rev. Alderman. If you cannot attend a meeting, please put your nomination in the Social Action mailbox with your name and an explanation of why you have made this choice. In November the team will vote on the organizations to Share the Plate.



PEANUT BUTTER and NONPERISHABLE FOOD UPDATE

WOW! THANKS to everyone at the Unitarian Universalist Church who contributed to the 94 pounds of peanut butter and nonperishable food collected last month for the Greensboro Food Bank. You are greatly appreciated.

THANKS,
Becky Floyd



September Update on Board Activities - Sharin Francis



A Board retreat was held on August 10 to get our new ministry off to a good start, with an emphasis on role clarity and goal setting for the first year. Board members met with our new developmental minister, Rev. Ann Marie Alderman, and with facilitator Denise Rimes, South East District President and Consultant.

Action items at the August 27 regular Board meeting included:

- **Board Goals for 2013-14: approved**

1. Board Operations Governance
2. Exercise effective oversight of board committees
3. Ensure evaluations completed of board functioning and minister
4. Make church policies and board actions accessible

B. Interactions with minister and congregation

1. Provide support for the minister
2. Model stewardship, right relations and non-anxious presence
3. Create physical and emotional space for the church to nurture spirituality

- **Confirmation of Board Committee chairs**

- ACT - Nelson Stover
- Accountability - Charlotte Hamlin (acting chair)
- Archival Records - Sharin Francis
- Finance - Lonnie Houck (acting chair)
- Policies and Procedures - Michelle Lee
- Restricted Gifts - Vance Archer
- Strategic Planning - Katja Brown
- Open committee chair positions are: Accountability, Finance and HR.
- Board and Ministry Covenant: approved
- Pending issues for discussion at future Board meeting included:
 - Proposed Personnel Manual
 - Congregational Behavioral Covenant
 - Repositioning Fundraising to sub-committee of Finance Committee

The next Board meeting will be September 17 at 7 pm and will be open to anyone who wishes to attend.

Submitted by Sharin Francis



UUCG Covenant

We, the members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Greensboro, do covenant to:

- Promote a search for personal meaning, respecting individual truth in a community process of quest
- Speak and act with caring, courtesy and love thereby maintaining emotional, physical, and spiritual safety for all
- Support UUCG and denominational efforts with our resources
- Combat injustice while promoting equality
- Nurture our children on their spiritual journeys
- Hold ourselves to this covenant, especially during times of conflict and disagreement

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Rev. Ann Marie Alderman began serving as our pastor on August 1, 2013. She may be contacted by sending an e-mail to amalderman@uuma.org or on her mobile phone 704.770.8748. She is usually in her UUCG office on Tuesday and

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Congregational Contacts

Adult Religious Education Team
Accountability Committee
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Archive Records Committee
Building and Grounds Team
Care Team
Committee on Leadership Development
Committee on Endowment
Communications Team
Coordinating Council
Denominational Affairs Team
Fellowship Team
Finance Committee
Cabaret Auction
Governance Task Force
Healthy Congregations Committee
Labyrinth Task Force
Lay Pastoral Care Associates
Membership Team
Music Team
Policies and Procedures Committee

Steve Pearsall
Zoli Rabb
Nelson Stover
Sharin Francis
Jim Roeder
Sara Bourquin
Harold Gunn, Ann Dickinson
Ken Williams
Vance Archer
Karen Madrone
Steve Pearsall
Cindy Williams
Lonnie Houck
Lauren Houck
Sharin Francis
Sue Beck
Steve Pearsall & Ken Williams
Janet Eley & Liz Harrell
Judy Gecinger
Sue Sherwood & Marilyn Clayton
Michelle Lee

Social Action Team
GLBTQ
Strategic Planning
Volunteer Coordinator
Worship Team
Youth Religious Education Team

Sara Borquin, Sue Cole, Becky Floyd
Karen Madrone
Katja Brown
Sue Sherwood
Barbara Hands
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